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PHILIPPINE WAR COMING TO END

Ninety-five Per Cent of Territory
Is Now Free from In-
surrections.

PROSPECT IS ENCOURAGING

General Smith Says He Will
Meet Guevarra March 24,
and Arrange General
Armistice.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Judge Wright, acting civil governor of the Philippines has written a letter to General Marcus J. Wright of this city, which gives an interesting insight into the condition of affairs in the Philippines. He says:

"In 95 per cent of the territory of the islands there is no insurrection and Americans go about singly and unarmed, with about as much safety as they would in a large majority of the states of the Union. There is a fast dying insurrection in two provinces of the island of Luzon and in the island of Samar. We are dealing very energetically with the lawless element. As to progress we have made in the last year, it is tremendous and to me very encouraging. I see no reason to doubt that American authority can now be maintained without more troops than was indicated by Governor Taft."

ARMISTICE WITH GUEVARRA.

MANILA, March 20.—General Smith in command in the island of Samar, cables that he will meet Guevarra on March 24 and arrange details and length of proposed armistice to facilitate collection of Guevarra's men, with rifles and subsequent formal surrender.

Up to the present all communications between Smith and Guevarra has been by letter.

GENERAL SMITH RELIEVED.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—An order was issued today relieving Brigadier-General Jacob H. Smith from further duty in the Philippines and directing him to proceed to San Antonio, to assume command of the department of Texas. General Smith is in command of the American troops which are conducting such a vigorous campaign in the island of Samar.

VENEZUELAN TARIFF.

Has Been Greatly Increased on Nearly All Products.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The state department has made public a synopsis of the projected new tariff of Switzerland, which has been transmitted by United States Minister Hardin at Berne, in a report dated February 20. Mr. Hardin says that the tariff will be brought before the Council National and the Council D'Aat in April and May next respectively, but adds that it doubtless will be much later before the amended form which may be agreed upon by these two bodies reaches a vote. After this, he continues, there remains the prospect of its possible submission to the people by referendum.

The new schedule of duties contains 1123 articles, as against 723 for the conventional tariff and 476 for the general tariff now in force. The minister notes a marked increase in the rates on which 500 of these 1123 articles, especially in the case of agricultural products or their imitations for the natural and artificially treated wines, fresh and dried grapes, cattle, meats, poultry, butter, margarine and cheese.

Mr. Hardin says that some of these increases in tariff are for the purpose of providing enlarged revenue, but which are, in fact, augmentations of the present rates.

LOWERED SWIMMING RECORDS.
Howard F. Brewer and J. Scott Leary Did Fast Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—J. Scott Leary and Howard F. Brewer, the crack swimmers of the Olympic Athletic Club, set several new American

records last night. Leary swam 110 yards in one minute and 13 seconds, the record being one minute and 23 seconds, held by H. H. Reeder. Leary covered 135 yards in one minute and 36 seconds, the former record being 1:40, held by J. H. Taylor. Brewer reduced the 600 yard record to 10:27 4-5, held by Otto Wabbe, to 9:41. He continued to the 840-yard mark, covering the distance in 12:24. In this he lowered his own record of 12:40.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

NEW YORK, March 20.—President A. H. Soden, of the Boston Club, is expected in the city today, which means that the Freedman four clubs of the National League tangle are about to hold a conference in preparation for the league meeting that is to be called for next week. It is expected that Justice Traux will hand down his decision in the Spalding case before the end of the week.

THE CHINESE CONSUL

CHARGED BY THE SIX COMPANIES AT FRISCO.

With Not Being Aggressive
Against Chinese Ex-
clusion.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Grave charges against Chinese Consul General Ho Yow, designed also to incite Minister Wu Ting Fang, all under the seal of the Six Companies are on file in the foreign office in Peking, says the Chronicle this morning. When interviewed in regard to the matter Ho Yow said:

"Yes, the minister has been informed by the foreign office that charges are on file and has telegraphed me to investigate and learn their sources. There are a number of charges, the greatest stress being laid on the allegation that I am not conducting the fight against exclusion as aggressively as the complainants think I should. Another charge is that I am neglecting my official duties and not protecting the interests and welfare of my countrymen. We are informed by the foreign office that the charges bear the imprint of the Six Companies. I informed the companies and they at once entered a disclaimer on their minutes, and that disclaimer will be forwarded to the minister and by him to the foreign office. I am informed that the signatures and imprint of the companies are forgeries. It is quite possible that the charges emanated from disgruntled highlanders incensed at the efforts to stop their practices."

A prominent member of the Six Companies said:

"We were informed that the charges comprised 28 articles. One was the charge that a great deal of his time was devoted to his racing stable and that his jockeys wore the national colors, a yellow dragon jacket. The royal government will not permit this."

"Then there were other charges of official and personal misconduct. The charges against the minister were that he had previously been notified of all this but had failed to call the consul to account, and in that had shown neglect of his duties."

Minister Wu and Consul General Ho Yow are brothers-in-law.

PRICE OF SILVER.
NEW YORK, March 20.—Silver 63 1/2.

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to Bill to Protect President
from Assassins.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL.

About General Miles—The Seat
of Butler of Missouri De-
clared Vacant—South-
ern Elections.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Bill introduced in the senate by McMillan to prevent robbing of mails, provide safer and easier method of sending money by mail and to increase postal revenues, has been introduced in the house by Gardner, of Michigan. The bill is endorsed by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association. It provides that all paper money hereafter issued by the United States of the denomination of one two and five dollars, except national bank notes, shall be of form known as post check, and shall be convertible by the holder into check to named payee. This post check will be exchangeable at any United States money order postoffice for current funds, after which the postmaster will cancel them and forward them to the depository designated by the postmaster general and shall receive credit therefor.

TO PROTECT PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Through-out today's session of the senate the bill providing for the protection of the president of the United States was under discussion. Agreements are had to vote on measure at 4 o'clock tomorrow. Speeches in the main were in reinforcement of arguments advanced heretofore, no new points being raised. The principal point made by the opponents of the measure was that federal officials ought to be treated in the courts precisely as are other citizens. Three substitutes for the bill will be presented tomorrow.

RIVERS AND HARBORS.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The house today made very slow progress on the rivers and harbors bill, disposing of only 30 pages, leaving 59 pages still to be considered. The rivers and harbors committee again today succeeded in defeating every amendment offered. Bellamy, of North Carolina, took occasion to denounce the Crumpacker proposition to investigate the Southern election laws as designed to stir up sectional strife. He appealed to conservative Republicans to defeat the resolution.

GENERAL MILES.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—News of General Miles' statements today before the military committee of the senate excited great interest at the war department. There was very general criticism as to whether, by passing criticism on various officials, as reported in the press, Miles had not exposed himself to disciplinary treatment.

While Miles did not expect, when he gave his testimony, that it would be made public in any form, he is now willing that it shall be published by the committee, making himself the broad statement that statements which were given to the press as those made by himself before the committee were misrepresentations totally unwarranted.

MISSOURI ELECTIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—In the contested election case of William H. Horton vs. James J. Butler, from the Twelfth Missouri district, Republican members of the election committee number 1, have decided to recommend that the seat be declared vacant.

Members of the committee say the hearings disclosed that lists contained about 14,000 names which could not be located at places of residence designated, nor were these names in last census returns or in the city directory of St. Louis. The committee found that about 8500 of these doubtful names appeared in the voting lists, of which

it is estimated Butler received about 7000 and Horton about 2500. In view of these facts Republican members declare the seat vacant.

SENATE CONFIRMATION.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Senate confirmations: E. W. Batts, surveyor-general of Montana.

NEW YORK COLLECTOR.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The president today nominated Nevada N. Stanaha to be collector of customs of the district of New York.

RHODES STILL LIVES.

CAPE TOWN, March 20.—A bulletin issued at midnight says the lung difficulty of Cecil Rhodes had been ameliorated, but owing to the heat, the patient is unable to sleep.

FIRE IN REFORM SCHOOL

125 YOUNG CRIMINALS LEFT
WITHOUT QUARTERS.

On Account of Crowded Con-
dition State Had Just Made
Appropriation.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 20.—The Bradley dormitory at the State School of Reform near this city was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight, but all the inmates, numbering 125 boys, were saved. The fire was discovered in the third story of the dormitory at 12:25 o'clock by the night watchman. He at once notified Superintendent Doak, who promptly aroused the inmates and got them safely and without disorder out of the building. The officials and the boys went to work to save the office furniture but the flames spread quickly and the dormitory was soon in ruins.

A telephone message was sent here for help and the local fire department quickly responded and an engine was started at once. They had about six miles to go and although they were too late to save any part of the dormitory, they prevented the flames from spreading to the manual training building which is near the dormitory. At 1:10 o'clock the dormitory collapsed and at 2 o'clock the fire was practically extinguished.

The burned building was erected in 1896 during the administration of ex-Governor W. O. Bradley, at a cost of \$25,000, and was insured for two-thirds of its value. It was the only dormitory completed to this time excepting the one occupied by the girls three-quarters of a mile away.

In it were the superintendent and his family, the guards and the white boys, numbering about 125. The burning of the building leaves these young criminals and the superintendent without quarters. The colored boys occupy the manual training building in which are the factories, etc., and the colored girls occupy an old house, which stood on the place at the time of the farm's purchase by the state.

Because of the badly crowded condition of the dormitories and the inquiry as to whether the institution, the state legislature has just passed an appropriation for the school's benefit.

NO DEMAND HAS BEEN MADE

On Turkey For Reimbursement
of Miss Stone Ransom Mon-
ey by Uncle Sam.

IT WILL COME BY AND BY

Turkey and Bulgaria Have Been
Notified that Demand Will
Be Made When Respon-
sibility is Fixed.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Persistent circulation of reports that the state department has made demand upon Turkey for reimbursement of money expended in the ransom of Miss Stone, is causing a good deal of annoyance to officials of that department. It can be stated that the state department has made no such demand on Turkey and consequently the Turkish government has not flatly refused to pay. As already stated, Leishman some time ago lodged caveats with the Turkish and Bulgarian government, stating right of the United States government to prefer demand for reparation and reimbursement in the Stone case when it was able to fix the responsibility for the abduction. Up to this time official reports have not put the state department in possession of sufficient facts to determine the question of responsibility.

WILL BUILD THEIR OWN SHIPS.

Colonel Tchernigovsky, of the Russian Navy Returns Home.

NEW YORK, March 20.—According to Colonel P. P. Tchernigovsky, of the Russian navy, who has just sailed with his wife and daughter, for home on the steamer St. Louis, Russia is not likely to order any more war vessels from foreign countries. He has been in this country superintending the construction at the Cramp yards of the Varig and Retzian for the Russian navy. These vessels having been completed, he is now on his way home.

"Russian yards," he said, "have a capacity for building eight ships simultaneously. I have prepared a report on American methods which will have the effect I think of doubling their capacity. If at any time Russia should need any more warships from a foreign country, America will get the order. The United States is far ahead of any of the European countries in the building of battleships and its ideas are more advanced."

PRINCE HENRY IN NEW ROLE.

BERLIN, March 20.—Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia hoisted his pennant today on the battleship Kaiser Friedrich III., as commander of the squadron in Kiel waters.

FIRE IN PIANO HOUSE.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Hardman, Peck & Co., piano manufacturers, suffered a loss of \$300,000 by destruction by fire of their plant.

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